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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Sheriff's Office Investigating Deadly Stabbing in East Bakersfield

(U) The Kern County Sheriff's Office said one person is dead and two others are wounded following separate stabbings Tuesday afternoon in East Bakersfield. Deputies were called to an area near Foothill High School for multiple reports of a stabbing at around 2:38 p.m. When deputies arrived, a crowd of about 300 people were at the scene near one stabbing victim and the male juvenile who died. Another victim was found at a nearby intersection and the two incidents are believed to be related. The sheriff's office described the person killed as a male juvenile. The two others wounded were described as a male juvenile and an adult male. A possible weapon used in the stabbing was located at the scene. One person of interest was detained at the scene, but officials did not say that the person was considered a suspect at this point.

SOURCE: 22 January 2020, [KGET](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Apprehends a Gang Member Along with a Group of 12

(U) El Paso – Border Patrol Agents apprehended a Tango Blast gang member attempting to make illegal entry into the US through the desert of West Texas. At approximately 3:00 a.m. agents assigned to the Presidio Station discovered footprints of 13 individuals west of Presidio, Texas. The agents tracked the footprints going north from the Rio Grande River. After further investigation, it was determined that all 13 individuals were citizens of Mexico and Guatemala illegally present in the US.

SOURCE: 21 January 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) Texas – CBP Officers at the Laredo Port of Entry Arrest Homicide Fugitive

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Laredo Port of Entry detained a man at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge wanted on an outstanding warrant for homicide out of Fort Worth, Texas. The fugitive apprehension occurred when Diego Pena-Arias, a 22-year-old male US citizen traveling in a privately owned vehicle, applied for entry. The male subject was detained and subsequent biometric verification through law enforcement databases, including the National Crime Information Center, which confirmed that the subject had an outstanding warrant for homicide.

SOURCE: 21 January 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New Jersey – Cybersecurity Business Owner Pleads Guilty to Attacks

(U) Trenton – An American businessman who co-founded a cybersecurity company has admitted to hiring criminals to carry out cyber-attacks against others. Tucker Preston, of Macon, Georgia, confessed to having paid threat actors to launch a series of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks between December 2015 and February 2016. DDoS attacks prevent a website from functioning by bombarding it with internet traffic that it can't handle visits from genuine users. In a New Jersey court, 22-year-old Preston pleaded guilty to one count of damaging protected computers by transmission of a program,

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code, or command. Preston admitted to causing \$5,000 of damage to the business he targeted.

SOURCE: 21 January 2020, [BBC](#)

(U) Nevada – Metro Police: Community Safe as they Investigate Shooting

(U) Las Vegas – Metro Police are investigating a shooting at Fashion Show Mall that left three people injured. The department's gang unit was called to the scene, located off the Las Vegas Strip at Las Vegas Boulevard and Spring Mountain. Police stated that the incident did not involve an active shooter, and that the local community is not in immediate danger. Authorities also added they believe the event was "an isolated incident," or not any kind of targeted shooting. Shots were reportedly fired after a group of juveniles began to argue, leading to an altercation.

SOURCE: 22 January 2020, [CBS News Now](#)

(U) Washington – First Confirmed Case of Coronavirus Reported in US

(U) Everett – The first case of a new coronavirus that has sickened nearly 300 people in Asia has been reported in a Washington State patient, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At least six people have died, according to officials. Chinese authorities have said the outbreak began in a seafood and live-animal market in the Chinese city of Wuhan. The virus, in the same family as SARS, MERS, and the common cold, often circulates among animals. It can spread from animal-to-human, and in rare cases can mutate and spread from person-to-person.

SOURCE: 21 January 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Burkina Faso – Militants Kill 36 Civilians in Burkina Faso Market Attack

(U) Ouagadougou - Thirty-six civilians were killed in Burkina Faso on Monday in what the government called a terrorist attack on a market in Sanmatenga province. Armed militants forced their way into the market of the village of Alamou and attacked people there before burning the structure to the ground, the government said in a statement on Tuesday. The bloodshed is part of a surge in violence in the West African country that has killed hundreds, forced nearly a million people from their homes and made much of the north ungovernable over the past two years.

SOURCE: 21 January 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iran – Masked Gunmen Kill Local Commander of Security Forces

(U) Darkhoein — Masked gunmen ambushed and killed the local commander of an Iranian paramilitary security force in southwestern Iran on Wednesday. The slain commander, Abdolhossein Mojaddami, headed the Basij forces, a paramilitary wing of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps used for internal security and other tasks, in the town of Darkhoein. He was gunned down in front of his home in the town in the country's oil rich Khuzestan province. The commander was an associate of Iran's top general recently killed in a US drone strike in Baghdad, media sources reported.

SOURCE: 22 January 2020, [AP](#)

(U) Israel – Army Kills three Palestinians after Attack

(U) Gaza City – The Israeli military said its soldiers killed three Palestinians who crossed the Gaza border fence and threw an explosive device at troops on Tuesday. The army said its troops fired on three suspects who crossed the security fence and "hurled a grenade or an explosive device" at the soldiers. There was no immediate comment from the Gaza authorities. The incident along the Gaza frontier threatened to undermine efforts to reach an informal cease-fire between Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas that rules the Palestinian enclave.

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